

Wednesday, February 12, 1997

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1251–S1337*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 304–318, S.J. Res. 16, and S. Res. 54. **Pages S1299–S1300**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 54, authorizing biennial expenditures by committees of the Senate. **Page S1299**

**Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment:** Senate continued consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S1255–62, S1268–70**

Rejected:

Dodd Modified Amendment No. 4, to simplify the conditions for a declaration of an imminent and serious threat to national security. (By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1255–62, S1271–96**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 6, to strike the reliance on estimates and receipts. **Pages S1262–65, S1324**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment beginning at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1296**

### APPOINTMENTS:

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed Senator D’Amato as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. **Page S1336**

*Washington’s Farewell Address:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 10, 1997, appointed Senator Frist to read Washington’s Farewell Address on Monday, February 24, 1997. **Page S1336**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Alan S. Gold, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Anthony W. Ishii, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Lynne R. Lasry, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Ivan L. R. Lemelle, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—10) **Pages S1295–96**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 13, 1997. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1337.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; John J. Hamre, Comptroller, Department of Defense; and

Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

## INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee held hearings to examine the role of government investment in overall Federal budget policy, receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, former Secretary of Labor; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

## CLEAN AIR STANDARDS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee held oversight hearings to examine the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter recently proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on the Administration's budget and revenue proposals for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

## MEDICARE

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care held hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare program, receiving testimony from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph R. Antos, Assistant Director for Health and Human Resources, Linda Bilheimer, Deputy Assistant Director for Health, and Sandra Christensen, Principal Analyst, all of the Congressional Budget Office; and Gail R. Wilensky, Project Hope, former Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, and Marilyn Moon, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the future of nuclear deterrence and U.S. policy toward non-proliferation efforts, after receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, USA (Ret.), Atlantic Council of the United States; and Richard Perle, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

## TEAM ACT

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 295, to promote cooperation and teamwork among worker-management relations in the American labor force, after receiving testimony from William D. Budinger, Rodel, Inc., Newark, Delaware; J. Thomas Bouchard, Armonk, New York, and Robert Von Bruns, Melinda Weide, and Michael Scarano, all of Essex Junction, Vermont, all on behalf of the International Business Machines Corporation; Charles I. Cohen, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, former Member, National Labor Relations Board, Jonathan P. Hiatt, AFL-CIO, and Robert Muehlenkamp, International Brotherhood of Teamsters/AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert Sebris, Jr., Sebris Busto, Bellevue, Washington; Samuel Estreicher, New York University, New York, New York; Michael H. LeRoy, Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations/University of Illinois, Champaign; and Thomas C. Kohler, Boston College Law School, Newton, Massachusetts.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 54) authorizing biennial expenditures by committees of the Senate, in lieu of S. Res. 20, S. Res. 26, S. Res. 27, S. Res. 28, S. Res. 29, S. Res. 30, S. Res. 33, S. Res. 34, S. Res. 35, S. Res. 37, S. Res. 38, S. Res. 39, S. Res. 40, S. Res. 41, S. Res. 43, S. Res. 44, S. Res. 45, and S. Res. 46.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Aida Alvarez, of New York, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Ms. Alvarez, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators D'Amato and Abraham, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.